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SUBJ: DAOUD INTERVIEW WITH BOMBAY BLITZ

1. SUMMARY: MARCH 11 KABUL TIMES PUBLISHED OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF MARCH 8 INTERVIEW BETWEEN PRESIDENT DAOUD AND EDITOR OF BOMBAY WEEKLY BLITZ KARANJIA. INTERVIEW CONTAINS LENGTHY REVIEW OF GOA ECONOMIC POLICIES, PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS, EFFECTS OF LIFTING OF US ARMS EMBARGO TO PAKISTAN. END SUMMARY.

2. MARCH 11 KABUL TIMES PUBLISHED OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF MARCH 8 INTERVIEW OF PRES. DAOUD BY EDITOR OF BOMBAY WEEKLY BLITZ KARANJIA UNDER HEADLINE "PRESIDENT REFUTES BHUTTO'S ACCUSATION." INTERVIEW IS INTERESTING COUNTERPOINT TO DAOUD'S REPLY TO INDIAN PRESIDENT'S TOAST MARCH 10 (DELHI 3386). IN INTERVIEW, DAOUD GAVE REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS UNDER REPUBLICAN REGIME AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS REPORTED SEPTEL. POINTS MADE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS RECOUNTED BELOW.

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3. PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS: DAOUD REFERS INDIRECTLY TO

BOMBING INCIDENTS AND SHERPAO ASSASSINATION STATING QTE ALL THESE PLOTS WERE HATCHED (BY PAKISTAN) TO PREPARE THE GROUND FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, THE IMPRISONMENT OF THEIR LEADERS AND TO CONFUSE MENTALITIES ABOUT AFGHANISTAN. UNQTE. BAOUD STATES THAT BEFORE THIS GOP CRACKDOWN OCCURED "WE WERE PREPARED TO TALK OVER OUR DISPUTE" BUT UNTIL GOP POLICIES TOWARD BALUCHIS AND PUSHTUNS IMPROVE "THE POSSIBILITY FOR TALKS AND UNDER- STANDING IS NOT DISCERNABLE."

4. DAOUD AGAIN REJECTED BHUTTO'S ACCUSATIONS OF AFGHAN COMPLICITY IN TRAINING PUSHTUN GUERRILLAS AND AFGHAN INTER- FERENCE IN PAK INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AT SAME TIME STATING PAKISTANI INVOLVEMENT IN ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPTS, ESPIONAGE, AND ARMS SMUGGLING INTO AFGHANISTAN IS "BEYOND DOUBT". HE ALSO ACCUSED PAKISTAN OF STRENGTHENING BORDER FORTIFICATIONS IN ATTEMPT TO INCITE AFGHANISTAN TO RECIPROCAL ACTION.

5. LIFTING OF US ARMS EMBARGO. RESPONDING TO QUESTION ON POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN ESCALATING HOSTILITY OF BHUTTO GOVERNMENT TOWARD AFGHANISTAN AND THE PUSHTUN MOVEMENT AND LIFTING OF U.S. ARMS EMBARGO, DAOUD RESPONDED QTE IN THIS CONNECTION OURS AND YOUR (INDIA'S) VIEWS ARE SIMILAR. THE LIFTING OF THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO ON PAKISTAN, AS IS NOT PLEASANT TO YOU, IS NOT TO OUR LIKING EITHER, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME THAT (THE ARMS) ARE USED FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF THE PUSHTUN AND BALUCH INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. EVEN THOUGH THE AMERICANS SAY THE PAKISTANIS BUY ARMS WITH CASH, EVERY- BODY KNOWS WHICH COUNTRY IN OUR REGION CAN BUY ARMS. HENCE, I BELIEVE THAT LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, AND DESPATCHING OF ARMS TO PAKISTAN DISTURBS THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THIS REGION AND CAUSES DISTURBANCES AND CONCERN IN THIS AREA IN WHICH ALL OF US LIVE. UNQTE.

6. BALUCHI AND RUSHTUN REFUGEES. DAOUD ALLUDED TO HIS LETTER TO UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM (REPORTED KABUL 1525) REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FOR BALUCHI REFUGEES, STATED FEW PUSHTUN REFUGEES IN AFGHANISTAN AS YET BUT PREDICTED THEIR NUMBER TO INCREASE AS GOP CONTINUES CRACKDOWN IN NWFP.

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